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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO-1449 listing a reference that is known to applicant. A copy of the listed reference is enclosed. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

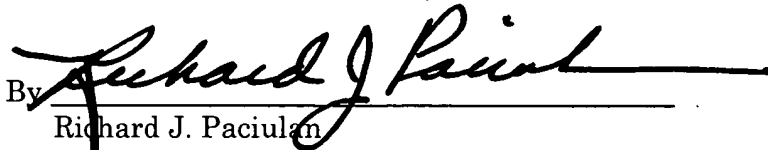
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